

April 15, 2010

TO: Members of the Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers, Avondale, Chair

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF MEETING AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 21, 2010
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 N. First Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee is scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference, or by telephone conference call. As determined at the first meeting of the Committee, proxies are not allowed. Members who are not able to attend the meeting are encouraged to submit their comments in writing, so that their view is always a part of the process.

For those attending in person, please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

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Refreshments and a light snack will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Eric Anderson, MAG Transportation Director, or Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

c: MAG Regional Council
MAG Management Committee

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
April 21, 2010**

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3. <u>Call to the Audience</u> An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Transportation Policy Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Transportation Policy Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.	3. Information.
4. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u> Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).	4. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

*4A. <u>Approval of the March 24, 2010, Meeting Minutes</u>	4A. Review and approval of the March 24, 2010, meeting minutes.
*4B. <u>Project Changes - Amendments and Administrative Modifications to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and FY 2010 Arterial Life Cycle Program</u> The FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan	4B. Recommend approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program, the FY 2010 Arterial Life Cycle Program, and as appropriate, to the Regional Transportation Plan - 2007 Update.

(RTP) 2007 Update were approved by the MAG Regional Council on July 25, 2007, and the FY 2010 Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) was most recently modified on March 10, 2010. Since that time, there have been requests from member agencies to modify projects in the programs. To move forward with project implementation, a number of changes to the FY 2008-2012 TIP are being requested, affecting highway projects, bicycle/pedestrian projects, arterial street projects, and transit projects. The proposed project changes include amendments and administrative modifications to FY 2008-2012 TIP for highway projects (Table A), amendments and administrative modifications to FY 2008-2012 TIP and FY 2010 ALCP for arterial street projects (Table B), amendments and administrative modifications to FY 2008-2012 TIP for transit projects (Table C), and administrative modifications to the FY 2010 ALCP (Table D). The Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the amendments and administrative modifications to the TIP and/or ALCP as presented in Tables A through D. Table E includes a listing of projects proposed for the reallocation of ARRA project bid savings. Table E was developed after the Transportation Review Committee action and is based on information received from MAG member agencies. The MAG Management Committee recommended approval of the amendments and administrative modifications to the TIP and/or ALCP as presented in Tables A through E. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*4C. Arterial Life Cycle Program Status Report

A Status Report on the Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) for the period between October 2009 and March 2010 addresses ALCP project work, the remaining Fiscal Year 2010 ALCP schedule, program deadlines, revenues, and finances. Please refer to the enclosed material.

4C. Information and discussion.

*4D. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Status Report

A Status Report on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds dedicated to transportation projects in the MAG region details the status of project development. The report covers highway, local, transit, and enhancement projects programmed with ARRA funds and the status of project development milestones per project. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*4E. Programming of Bid Savings of Local MPO American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funds - Technical Amendment

Through the MAG committee process, discussions have been held regarding the anticipated bid savings on obligated Local Metropolitan Planning Organization American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funded projects due to lower project costs. On January 27, 2010, the MAG Regional Council approved the guidelines for programming unobligated ARRA Local funds. The guidelines allow local agencies with the ARRA project bid savings to have local discretion to move the project savings to another existing ARRA project in that jurisdiction; and/or swap the ARRA funds with ADOT -STP funds and move the project savings to an eligible project that is above \$200,000 and can obligate before September 30, 2010, including new projects. In addition, the guidelines stipulated that any jurisdiction that cannot meet the \$200,000 threshold and obligation deadline of September 30, 2010 would return the project savings to the regional pool for reallocation. Since the approval of the guidelines, the Arizona Department of Transportation notified MAG that all Local ARRA funds must obligate by August 15, 2010. The MAG Transportation Review Committee and the MAG Management Committee recommended approval of an amendment to the guidelines for programming unobligated ARRA Local funds as stated in the attached memorandum. Please refer to the enclosed material.

4D. Information and discussion.

4E. Recommend approval of an amendment to the guidelines for programming unobligated ARRA Local funds as stated in the attached memorandum.

*4F. Transit Allocation Methodology for Proposed Federal Economic Stimulus Legislation - Potential Changes Due to Loss of Local Transportation Assistance Funds

The methodology by which to allocate any transit funds from a potential second round of stimulus funding has been on the agenda for information, discussion and action during MAG committee meetings. In February 2010, the Transit Committee and Transportation Review Committee recommended approval that any transit funds from a second stimulus bill that are required to be under contract within ninety days be allocated toward operations (up to the maximum allowable), ADA operations and ADA preventive maintenance (10 percent), and preventive maintenance by applying the principles outlined by RPTA for project savings from ARRA I funds; and amend the FY 2008- 2012 MAG TIP as appropriate. At the Management Committee meeting on March 10, 2010, it was recommended that given that Local Transportation Assistance Funds (LTAF) would no longer be available to member agencies, this agenda item should go back through the committee process for discussion of any changes, if necessary, to the recommendations in light of the loss of the LTAF. The MAG Transportation Review Committee and the MAG Management Committee reaffirmed the use of ARRA II they had previously recommended for approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

4F. Recommend approval that transit funds that are required to be under contract within ninety days be allocated toward operations (up to the maximum allowable), ADA operations and ADA preventive maintenance (10 percent), and preventive maintenance by applying the principles outlined by RPTA for project savings from ARRA I funds; and amend the FY 2008- 2012 MAG TIP as appropriate.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

5A. FY 2010 MAG Mid-Phase Public Input Opportunity

MAG has conducted a public involvement process on transportation plans and programs in February and March for the Mid-Phase public input opportunity. Included in this process were a variety of special events, small group presentations, and e-mail, telephone and Web site correspondence. The process also included a transportation public hearing hosted by MAG in cooperation with the Arizona Department of Transportation, Citizen's Transportation Oversight

5A. Information and discussion.

Committee, Valley Metro, METRO and the City of Phoenix Public Transit Department. Agenda items included the draft project listing for the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program; the Draft Regional Transportation Plan - 2010 Update; the MAG Regional Transit Update; and the City of Phoenix Public Transit Department Job Access/Reverse Commute New Freedom Grant Update. A court reporter was in attendance to record public comments verbatim. All comments made at the hearing were provided a formal response from staff. The responses to comments are included in the attached Mid-Phase Public Input Opportunity Report. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5B. Approval of the Draft FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program - Listing of Projects for an Air Quality Conformity Analysis

The 1990 Federal Clean Air Act Amendments require that regional transportation plans and programs be in conformance with all applicable air quality plans. To comply with this requirement, an air quality conformity analysis of the Draft FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program - Listing of Projects needs to be conducted prior to consideration of the program for final approval. The draft TIP contains all regionally significant projects within the region, regardless of funding source. All MAG member agencies have been consulted regarding projects incorporated into the draft document, including locally and privately funded projects. The MAG Transportation Review Committee and the MAG Management Committee recommended approval of the Draft FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program - Listing of Projects for an air quality conformity analysis. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5C. Approval of the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan - 2010 Update for an Air Quality Conformity Analysis

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5C. Recommend approval of the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan - 2010 Update for an air quality conformity analysis.

programs be in conformance with all applicable air quality plans. To comply with this requirement, an air quality conformity analysis of the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) - 2010 Update needs to be conducted prior to consideration of the plan for final approval. The Draft RTP - 2010 Update extends through FY 2031 and includes regional plans for freeways/highways, arterial streets, and public transit, as well as information on plans for other transportation programs in the region. A full copy of the Draft RTP - 2010 Update may be downloaded from the MAG Web site at <http://www.mag.maricopa.gov/project.cms?item=411>. The MAG Transportation Review Committee and the MAG Management Committee recommended approval of the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan - 2010 Update for an air quality conformity analysis. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. Public Private Partnership Program

A new law governing the use of public private partnerships (PPP) for transportation projects was enacted last year. The law may provide an opportunity to construct needed transportation projects in light of decline in many revenue sources. The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is the lead agency to implement the new law and to develop policies and procedures to solicit, evaluate and implement PPP projects. Representatives of ADOT will provide an overview of the provisions of the bill and the progress that ADOT has made to establish the necessary policies and procedures of the program. Possible application of the PPP program in the MAG area will also be included in the discussion.

7. Interstate 11 Proposal Update

The MAG Regional Council accepted the findings of the Interstate 10-Hassayampa Valley Roadway Framework Study and the Interstates 8 and 10-Hidden Valley Transportation Framework Study in February 2008 and September 2009, respectively. These studies included the 152-mile

6. Information and discussion.

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Hassayampa Freeway as an illustrative (unfunded) project. This freeway is now being discussed as part of a greater Interstate I I corridor designation that reaches to Las Vegas, and potentially destinations farther north into the Pacific Northwest. A presentation will be made to the committee about the status of this proposal and its potential influence on the MAG region. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest.

9. Request for Future Agenda Items

Topics or issues of interest that the Transportation Policy Committee would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting will be requested.

10. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity will be provided for Transportation Policy Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Transportation Policy Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

11. Adjournment

8. Information, discussion, and possible action.

9. Information and discussion.

10. Information.